

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS ITEMS

CONDENSED FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Wheat is now \$1.37 cents a bushel and still going higher.

The Spokane postoffice receipts will exceed those of last year by more than \$50,000, according to a statement given out by postoffice officials this week.

The county seat of Okanogan county has been moved from Conconully to Okanogan. The town is now said to be booming and they are to have a twice a week paper.

Methodists in Wenatchee are figuring on opening up a big general hospital in that city some time this year. Location would be in the old Gellatly home on Okanogan avenue.

The Colville Indian reservation comprising in all over a million acres will be opened for settlement some time this summer. This body of land is termed the "Last Great West."

Winter wheat in the state of Washington led all other states in the union in condition on December 1st, according to a report issued by the department of agriculture this week.

The state college at Pullman is offering a course in mining from January 4 to March 28. The course is planned to appeal to the practical prospector, miner and mining man.

Parole or conditional pardons for 35 convicts, and special chicken dinner and entertainment for the 750 that remained, constituted the celebration of Christmas at the penitentiary at Walla Walla this year.

Wenatchee—For the first time since the opening of the season apple shipments have ceased. According to the figures of Inspector Clawson, 794 cars still remain in the valley. These will be shipped out from time to time.

A mysterious explosion occurred at Gold Bar last Sunday morning which rocked every building in the town. No one was able to determine what caused the explosion and it is believed that it was an earthquake shock.

H. L. Bills, formerly in the banking business at Judith Gap, Mont., called at the offices of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce this week. Mr. Bills is looking for a desirable location for a bank at some point in the Inland Empire.

Two lumber mills, employing a total of 700 men, started operations last Monday, and a third, employing 200 more, will start up January 15. Large foreign orders and improvements in the eastern market are given as the reason.

Dr. C. F. Zener, of Wenatchee this week sold to C. F. Overman of that city his 320 acre ranch on Stemilt hill for a consideration of \$27,000. The tract consisted of 320 acres, 20 acres in orchard and 100 acres in other cultivation.

Only a few more days and the law makers of this state will be in action at Olympia. Let us all hope that the money spent by this legislature will be for the benefit of the whole people and not just a few as has been the case many times in the past.

W. M. Mitchell, of St. Joseph, Mo., is planning to establish a safe factory at Pasco, according to the statement of A. F. Wehe, secretary of the Pasco Chamber of Commerce. A big force of men will be employed in the factory, which will represent a large investment.

Commercial clubs and other booster organizations all over Eastern Washington are making special efforts to get easterners going to the San Francisco exposition to come by way of Washington. If you want to help Leavenworth write your friends who are coming west to be sure and stop off here.

It is rumored that some time in February the Great Northern will commence running exclusive passenger trains over the Columbia river line to Oroville and as far west as Vancouver. The connecting link between Oroville

and the Vancouver branch was just recently completed.

Contractors who were awarded the contract for all excavation work in connection with the Northern Pacific grade separation at Spokane, which will necessitate the expenditure of over \$300,000, began work Wednesday. More than 100 men will be employed and the work will last until the middle of the summer.

At a meeting of the Snohomish county commissioners last week it was decided to ask the state legislature to designate the Cascade Scenic Highway thru Stephens Pass as a state highway, with a view to securing state aid to construct that county's share of the trans-mountain road, the six miles between Index and the King county line.

The Great Northern liner Minnesota the largest cargo carrier on the Pacific, and the largest vessel flying the American flag on any ocean, will return to the oriental service immediately, after having been laid up at Seattle since last September, it was announced this week. The Minnesota will sail for Hongkong February 6.

Puget Sound is shown to be marine ruler of the Pacific coast by the 1914 report of the U. S. bureau of navigation. Despite the war and various so-called depressing influences, the waterfront commerce of Seattle during the last year has exceeded anything in past years and has forged far ahead of Portland and San Francisco.

Jim Webb, a prominent rancher living near Wilson Creek, lost a mule colt about ten days ago. He searched everywhere, and about ten days later, while passing an old well, heard a noise issuing from the hole. To his surprise he found his colt standing on its hind legs at the bottom of the well, where it had been for ten days. The animal was almost famished and was rescued just in time to keep it from perishing.

The Union Savings and Trust Co., as trustee for the holders of \$100,000 of bonds of the bankrupt Sun Publishing Company, filed suit Monday to establish the bonds as a first and paramount lien on the assets of the company. The bank says the company owes \$300,000 and the assets, mostly machinery, are worth not more than \$50,000. The bank asks that a chattel mortgage which it holds upon the plant of the company be foreclosed and the property sold. The Seattle Sun suspended publication last week.

Thomas Precious, former mayor of Goldbar, well known to the railroad men of this city, met with an auto accident on Christmas eve that nearly cost him his life. One woman in the car was instantly killed. Precious was seriously injured and the other three occupants of the machine escaped with only slight bruises. Precious was former foreman of the Great Northern shops at Gold Bar. Last spring his residence burned down and all his household goods were lost. In August his wife was killed in an auto wreck between Sultan and Monroe. Later he was bumped out of his position, since which he has been operating an auto stage in Everett.

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COURT DOCKET

The superior court today set the cases that are to be heard in January. Following is the docket for the January term:

- Jan. 4.—J. A. Goud vs. C. M. Tompkins.
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Jan. 4.—Emma R. Mann vs. Wm. H. Mann.
Jan. 4.—Yakima Valley Bank vs. Frank T. Kuehn, et ux.
Jan. 4.—Julia R. Dunning vs. C. R. Dunning.
Jan. 6.—John E. Beck vs. Dora Beck.
Jan. 7.—Ora Kahl vs. Mabel M. Kahl, et al.
Jan. 7.—Martin Padoshek, Sr., vs. John Padoshek, et al.
Jan. 8.—I. Anderson vs. W. T. Rader, et al.
Jan. 8.—C. A. Bower vs. C. E. Taylor, et al.
Jan. 8.—Frank Gruber vs. Hugo Hartman, et ux.
Jan. 9.—R. E. Cain vs. Cashmere Merc. Co.
Jan. 11.—Lucille Smith vs. Andrew H. Smith.
Jan. 11.—A. L. Rogers vs. M. McGlothern, et al.
Jan. 12.—E. H. Pfaff, et al. vs. Wen. Col. Fruit Co., et al.
Jan. 15.—S. A. Ewing vs. H. M. Maxwell.
Jan. 16.—Gussie Kimbley vs. Marvin E. Kimbley.
Jan. 18.—D. S. Huizinga vs. Wen Hgt's Orchard Co.
Jan. 20.—F. T. Blunch, Jr. et ux. vs. H. L. Pfaff, et al.
Jan. 21 22.—Wash. Steel & Iron Co. vs. E. H. Rothert.
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STATE INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Items of Interest on Many Subjects from Every Part of Washington

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway plans to electrify its lines for a distance of 430 miles over the Rocky Mountain division. Cost about \$15,000,000.

North Yakima—First avenue to be paved with brick.

Okanogan—First National bank will erect two-story pressed brick building.

Spokane—Fruit distributors' sales total \$1,122,111.

Women object to being barred from employment at cigar stands, as decreed by the Welfare Commission.

Owing to high prices of wheat this year much new acreage is going out.

It is announced that the new road between Pullman and Dayton can be built for \$362,000, or \$5,164 a mile.

One reason why cities have so many idle folk is that the country has too much idle land. Nature made it practicable for almost all men to obtain subsistence from the soil, but man cannot provide enough office jobs to supply all who want them.—Spokesman Review.

Yakima—\$560,000 will be spent this winter on irrigation ditches in this valley.

The Columbia river is to get \$1,985,000 in the new rivers and harbors bill.

The Welfare Commission has established a minimum wage for female stenographers, bookkeepers, etc., of \$10 per week, to take effect Feb. 20.

A corporation has been formed to work Acme coal fields.

The big water front mill of the Whatcom Falls Mill Co. has resumed operations with about 250 men.

In spite of quiet times the Bellingmills have been employing 1000 persons regularly.

The Seattle Brewing & Malting Co. will establish a plant in San Francisco.

The "Full Crew" forces the railroads of Washington to pay \$160,000 a year tribute with no benefit to the public or the railroads. This is a sample of legislation that keeps capital out of Washington and retards its industries.

Yakima county has \$248,000 to expend for road work the coming year and contracts are now to be let.

Brown-Lewis Co. purchased 80 acres near Walla Walla, where they will build a harvesting machinery factory.

It is to be hoped that the economy program of Lieut. Gov. Hart will be carried out by the legislature.

Actual construction of an electric street railway through Clarkston and Vineland is to begin within a month according to reports. Expenses are estimated at \$750,000.

What will the printers do with a minimum wage of \$8 a week for office boys? The Welfare Commission should have also provided that the boys be furnished with a private office and desk.

W. M. Mitchell, of St. Joseph, Mo., is contemplating erecting a factory at Pasco to manufacture safes and steel office fixtures.

Following recent cold weather the railroad companies are preparing to lay in their supplies of ice, totaling about 205,000 tons.

With the 5 per cent freight increase and prospects for the repeal of the "Full Crew" bill in Washington the railroads see a brighter future and a chance to again make improvements.

L. W. Hutton is contemplating the erection of a fourteen story building in Spokane.

Manning & Morris will erect a \$60,000 garage building in Seattle.

An Earl's Duel With a Butler. About the middle of the last century the Lord Rosebery of that time was in Paris, and in paying a call one day he was received so rudely by the butler that he complained to his friend of the servant's conduct. But the butler had been a noncommissioned officer in the French army, and as such he challenged Lord Rosebery to a duel. The earl accepted, and two shots were exchanged without result. But Lord Rosebery was angered at his own condescension and afraid his antagonist might lay aside his military rank and resume his duties as a servant, thus exposing an earl to the reproach of having fought with a butler. So he settled an annuity of £250 on the man on condition that he did not return to domestic service. The condition was faithfully observed on both sides.

Advertisement for Wheeler's City Drug Store featuring a woman and various beauty products like ointment, skin beautifier, and face powder. Text includes 'Have a Beautiful smooth Complexion' and 'How easy it is to spoil a beautiful complexion!'

Little Bits of New Year Verse

Touch us gently, 'Tis time! Let us glide adown the stream Gently—as we sometimes glide Through a quiet dream.
When time is flown, how it fled It is better neither to ask nor tell. Leave the dead moments to bury their dead.
Come what comes may. Time and the hour runs through the roughest day.
We ring the bells and raise the strain, We hang up garments everywhere And bid the tapers twinkle fair And feast and frolic, and then we go Back to the same old lives again.
Here's to a happy holiday Health and wealth for all the year.
Work adjourned has many stays, Long demurs breed new delays.
You bring us happiness, delight, Renewed each soul and heart tonight. Fair child of purity and grace, We liken to your soul and face A lily bright.
The old year dies; now roseate grows The dawn o'er mountains capped with snows. Your breath so faint, of fragrance rare, Your smiling lips we would compare To blushing rose.
Athwart the east a ruddy bar, Your father, Time, awaits your car. When you alight what glad surprise, What happiness, shines in your eyes, Bright morning star!
Oh, sweet and happy little one, To every weary mortal run! Lily and star and rose are you, And faith and hope you will renew 'Neath New Year's sun. —Walter Beverley Crane in New York Times.

AT MIDNIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The Old Year said: "In this well worn pack I've carried for many a day Are more than a bushel of useless things You must bury or throw away There are souls so scarred by the fires of pain 'Tis best by far to conceal them In the deepest grave that the Past can dig." But the New Year said: "I will heal them."
The Old Year said: "You will also find A number of broken hearts— Not merely dented or cracked, alas, But snapped in a dozen parts To the junk heap gathered by Father Time At once you had better send them, For they only litter the world in vain." But the New Year said: "I will mend them." —Minna Irving in New York Times.

As We Approach a Year.

We approach a new and untried year. As we cross its threshold to meet new and enlarged opportunities let it be with a steadfast purpose to increase our fund of knowledge, our strength of character, our usefulness and helpfulness as never before, realizing that, at best, "the time is short." May the thoughts we have been considering so take possession of us, the purposes born of them so govern that our lives will be sweeter, happier, more practically and truly successful during such time as remains to us here and better fitted for the dawn of that new time which shall be reckoned not by years and have no end.

Accident, All Right. Officer—Did you get those bruises in an accident? Sad Guy—Yes; I didn't think the other fellow would fight.—New York Globe.

Must Have Been Difficult.

A man was brought before the court upon the complaint of his wife, says the Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung. While the prisoner was testifying the judge made it clear that he intended to be harsh with him, so that his wife became frightened, and when called to the stand refused to give any testimony. In fact, she retracted all her accusations. "So your husband didn't strike you, then?" said the judge. "Where did you get that black eye?" "I struck it accidentally on the mantelpiece." "So! And that piece bitten out of your ear—he didn't do that, either?" "No, no, your honor. I did that myself!"

Almost Hurt Him.

Two negro men were employed in tearing down a three story brick building. One negro was on top of the building taking off the bricks and sliding them down a narrow wooden chute to the ground, some thirty feet below, where the other was picking them up and piling them. When this latter negro was stooping over to pick up a brick the former accidentally let one fall, striking him directly on the head. Instead of its killing him, he merely looked up, without rising, and said: "What you doin' thar, nigger? You make me bite my tongue."

A famous London barrister was upon one occasion called upon to defend a cook tried for murder, being accused of having poisoned his master. The barrister after a most able and brilliant defense of the culprit secured an acquittal. The cook, anxious to show his gratitude, said, "Tell me, sir, whatever can I do for you to reward you?" "The triumphant counsel answered, "My good man, do anything you can, but for the love of heaven don't ever cook for me!"

Potter Wasps at Work.

The family eumenidae, or solitary wasps, contain some curious workers. Some are miners and dig tiny tunnels in the earth; some are carpenters and cut channels in wood and then divide the space into chambers by partitions of mud; some build oval or globelike mud nests on branches or twigs. This home may be partitioned into several tiny rooms, into which are put various small insects captured by the mother wasp and upon which the young wasps feed.

Stars That Outshine the Sun.

One of the government astronomers, referring to stars that are so distant that they have no measurable parallax, asserts that one of these, the brilliant Canopus, can be said with confidence to be thousands of times brighter than our sun. Whether we should say 20,000, 10,000 or 5,000 no one can decide. The first magnitude stars, Rigel and Spica, also are at an immeasurable distance and must, in view of their actual brightness, enormously outshine the sun.

Smugglers' Philanthropy.

At Broadmoor and Perth, England, the criminal lunatics have a free supply of the most exquisite pipe tobacco, cigars and cigarettes. In fact, they smoke far finer stuff than the average rich man. Yet all this good tobacco costs the government nothing. The smugglers of England pay for the smoking of the criminal insane. It is from her confiscated smuggled tobacco that England fills the tobacco boxes of Perth and Broadmoor.